



Consumers Cautioned to Dispose of Phased-Out d-Con® Products Safely

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MADISON – Consumers who want to get rid of d-Con® mouse and rat poisons that are being phased out can take the products to local household hazardous waste collection sites. In communities that do not offer collection sites, they should contact their local waste disposal programs for direction, state pesticide regulators say.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently announced that manufacturer Reckitt Benckiser Inc. will phase out production of 12 d-Con® products in the coming months and stop production by Dec. 31. The company will stop distribution to retailers by March 31, 2015.

Stores may continue to sell whatever stocks they have, and consumers may continue to use the products as long as they follow label directions.

The products are being phased out because they do not meet current EPA standards. Mouse and rat poisons, called rodenticides, must be housed in a bait station so that children, pets and wildlife cannot access them. None of the products on the phase-out list is housed in a bait station. Any d-Con® products that are housed in bait stations will still be available.

“Even though consumers can continue to use these products until they are no longer available, we anticipate that many people will be unwilling to do so, now that they have been alerted to the risk,” said Lori Bowman, director of the Bureau of Agrichemical Management in the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. “We want to be sure they dispose of the products safely. Do not discard them outdoors, and do not flush them down sinks or toilets. Find out where you can safely dispose of household hazardous waste in your community, and use that service.”

A partial list of household hazardous waste collections in Wisconsin is available at http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Clean_Sweep. These are collections in communities that received Clean Sweep grants from DATCP. Other communities may also hold collections, or have year-round drop-off sites.

The products being phased out are:

- d-Con Concentrate Kills Rats & Mice
- d-Con Ready Mixed Kills Rats & Mice
- d-Con Mouse Prufe Kills Mice
- d-Con Pellets Kills Rats & Mice
- d-Con Mouse Prufe II
- d-Con Pellets Generation II
- d-Con Bait Pellets II
- d-Con Ready Mixed Generation II
- d-Con Mouse-Prufe III
- d-Con Bait Pellets III
- d-Con II Ready Mix Baitbits III
- d-Con Bait Packs III

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